CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Yuse012.mp4_thumbs_[2016.10.24_09.51.03].jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1601050.007
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	22 March 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	22 March 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The image file consists of a series of small images taken from a video that has also been classified as objectionable (see OFLC Ref. 1601050.006). The series of images explicitly depicts a man asexually abusing a girl who appears to be in her early to mid-teens. The purpose of the clip is to arouse people with a sexual interest in young teenage girls, and it encourages this interest. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.